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TOSEC 309

FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM LISBON 11 MAR 75:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1323

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 8 AS OF 3:45 P.M. LOCAL

1. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT: RADIO ANNOUNCER BROADCAST
BRIEF STATEMENT IN NAME OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AT 3:40 P.M.
STATEMENT ATTACKED THE "ADVENTURE" AGAINST THE REVOLUTION,
LABELLING IT "TREASON" ON THE PART OF SOME (UNNAMED). THIS
ADVENTURE BY THOSE WHO WERE DECEIVED WITH FALSE AND PROVOCATIVE
INFORMATION LED TO SHOOTING AGAINST RAL-1. SINCE SITUATION IS
NOW CALM, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALERTED THE
PEOPLE TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST MANEUVERS WHICH COULD EXCITE
POPULATION AND LEAD TO "FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLE" WHICH WOULD FAVOR
REACTIONARY FORCES. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF
CONFIDENCE THIS EPISODE WOULD ONLY REINFORCE TIES BETWEEN PEOPLE
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AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. ALSO APPEALED FOR PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO

REMAIN CALM AND DISPLAY "CIVIC MATURITY."

2. A FEW T-6'S CAN STILL BE SEEN MAKING LOW PASSES OVER THE CITY.

3. CROWDS ARE BEGINNING TO GATHER ON STREETS. ONE SMALL GROUP PASSED EMBASSY SEVERAL MINUTES AGO SHOUTING SLOGANS AGAINST CIA. WE HAVE ASKED FOR COPCON PROTECTION AND THEY ASSURE US IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE EXPECT DEMONSTRATIONS. CARLUCCI UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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